18. (Original) The method of claim 12, the digital samples ranging between a minimum value and a maximum value, further comprising:

detecting a gain saturation state in which clipped digital samples occur at both of the minimum and maximum levels at a rate greater than a predetermined clip ratio threshold and in which a number of digital samples at the minimum level is relatively balanced with a number of digital samples at the maximum level; and

operating the gain feedback control loop in a clipping mode while in the gain saturation state.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising:

adjusting the gain level of the gain feedback control loop based on an amount of clipping using a graduated clip gain adjustment.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein said graduated clip gain adjustment includes a corresponding one of a predetermined plurality of gain level adjustments for each of a plurality of predetermined clip ratio ranges.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said graduated clip gain adjustment is graduated between a high gain adjustment for a high clip ratio and a low gain adjustment for a low clip ratio.

22. (Original) A method of operating a wireless transceiver device in preparation for an expected acknowledgment packet, the wireless transceiver device configured in a zero